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In re Patent Application of:
Kazutaka SHIRAISHI

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For: A GAME MACHINE

Examiner: Milap Shah

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOLLOWING A
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER
37 CFR 1.114 AND AN AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 19, 2007, and with the Examiner's approval, please enter the following in the above-identified application. The three month term to reply is set to expire on March 19, 2008.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.